



Mrs. Mary Louise Smith

March 12, 2013

SMITH, Mary Louise, of Dover, Florida, went to be with Jesus on March 12, 2013. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Earl Smith Sr., her three sons and their families; Earl Jr. & Carol Smith, Cary & Kristen Smith, William & Christine Smith and her grandchildren Kendra, Austin, Jared, and Sierra Smith; godchildren Timothy, Jessica and Christopher Parker. She is also survived by her mother, Jessie Eddings, and her siblings Louie Eddings, Robert Eddings, Dennis Eddings, Donna Salmon, Jesse Eddings Jr., Christopher Eddings, Hope Senkeleski, Mark Eddings, and Matthew Eddings and many beloved nephews, nieces, and friends. Mary is predeceased by her sisters Catherine Kramer and Joyce Cumbie and her father Jesse Eddings. Mary was fiercely devoted to her family. She delighted in sharing her talent for cooking and baking for her family and friends. She took great joy from preparing a favorite meal or special dessert for birthdays and other special occasions. She owned a restaurant and a wedding catering business that enabled her to share this passion on countless joyous occasions. She was an avid party planner, attending to the smallest details to make sure that each event was personalized to make that person feel loved, cherished, and special.

Mary has been an active member of the Dover Advent Christian Church in Dover, Florida for over 35 years. She shared the love of Christ with many not just in words but in her deeds and by the example of her life. She leaves a legacy of loving and caring for others that is an inspiration to all that knew her.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life on Friday, March 15 at 6:00 P.M. at Dover Advent Christian Church, 14202 Downing Street, Dover. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 4:00 P.M. at Myrtle Hill, 4002 N. 50th Street, Tampa. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15.** 6:00 PM (ET)

Dover Advent Christian Church
14202 Downing Street
Dover, FL

Graveside

MAR **16.** 4:00 PM (ET)

Myrtle Hill
4002 N. 50th Street
Tampa, FL

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Mom,

You have been my everything since the day I took my first breath. You taught me everything, most importantly about JESUS our savior! I can't put into words how much I LOVE you or how much I am going to miss your beautiful face and talking to you every day! I knew you were a special person on earth, but now I know you were a gift from GOD and the world was not worthy of you! I am honored to have you as a mother, I don't know why GOD chose me to be so fortunate. But this I do know and pray.....that I too will stand before the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS, cast crowns at his feet and hear "well done good and faithful servant come and receive your inheritance prepared for you before the foundations of the earth!" I long for the day when we meet again, until then get the rest you deserve and I will do my best to continue your legacy on earth!

*Love eternally,
Your baby, William*

William Smith - March 17, 2013 at 08:19 PM

EA

“Loved Mary, always doing something for someone...with a smile. The last time we were together, I rode with her to Hope's baby shower. We enjoyed our ride together so much and shared our wonderful experiences with our wonderful Lord and Savior. I am sure that she is busy already preparing feasts for those that will make the heavenly entrance. My love and prayers to all the family. It has been an honor to know each one of you through my best friend Donna. Each one of you have a special place in my heart as well as in Charlie's heart. My family here and in Puerto Rico send their love and wanted me to express to you their most deepest love to all of you and share that they are praying for peace.
...Mary we will see you again....
LOVE ,
Eunice and Charlie Avila

e=Eunice Avila - March 15, 2013 at 02:21 PM



“Mar Mar, an living angel, and sweet heart. One of the most encouraging ladies I can think of. It's hard to believe she's no longer with us, but God is still enthroned and is coming again soon ;) We will meet again. Praying for pure peace on all impacted by this loss.

Keith Nicely - March 15, 2013 at 11:07 AM

CB

“Marmar was a sweet loving christian lady that i am happy to say that i met. She made me feel welcome when i met her years ago. Now she is up in heaven with jesus. She is going to missed dearly. See ya later marma.



chasaty brunner - March 15, 2013 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ *Sherry And Clay Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith*



Sherry and Clay Harrell - March 15, 2013 at 08:56 AM

SH

Mrs. Mary has such special place in our hearts. She was so kind, sweet, caring, and loving. The love of Jesus was shown through her words as well as her actions. She was always taking care of others. She always welcomed us at her home and was such a wonderful cook. What great memories we have of time spent with her and family. Her sweet voice and smile made you know that you were loved. She loved her family very much. Each time we spoke, she always talked about her family and you could tell how proud she was of them. We will miss her very much but know that we will see her again one day.

Sherry and Clay Harrell - March 15, 2013 at 09:05 AM

DT

“ *Dale And Linda Tuvell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith*



Dale and Linda Tuvell - March 15, 2013 at 08:02 AM

DT

Mary has been a precious lady in our lives for many years. We have never known anyone so loving and caring as Mary was. She truly had a servant's heart. She was always there when there was a need Mary put others before herself. She shined with the love of Jesus. We will miss here so much, but we rejoice in knowing that one day we will see her again. Our love and prayers go out to the family.

Dale and Linda

Dale and Linda Tuvell - March 15, 2013 at 08:05 AM

LP

“*Mary,mary,mary, how soooo much you will be missed. Still hard to believe we have all suffered such a great loss. You have given me and my children so many great memories to hold so dear to our hearts . You were an incredible woman, so loving, giving, caring, selfless, and strong. Always there to talk to, give advice, spend time with the kids, give encouragement, feeding everyone, just so many things for so many people. You were forever caring for sick, visiting in the hospital anytime anyone needed you, you were there. You came to the the hosp and sat w us and prayed thru moms amputation surgery, all my kids when they were sick, always there. No doubt you helped in saving christophers life. Too many stories and memories to share but will always be with us. I love you and with you and mom watching over us all we will FOREVER be blessed. No more pain mar-Mar. Rest in peace.*



Laurie Parker - March 15, 2013 at 07:40 AM

XP

“*It was an honor and a privilege to have served Mary and her family.*

Xavier E. Prida M.D.

Xavier E. Prida - March 15, 2013 at 05:54 AM

DK

“ Mary has been in my life since I was eight years old, when we began going to East Shadowlawn Advent Christian church, her and her aunt kate, what a combination, then we were together at east Buffalo Advent christian church, she was my youth leader there and I spent many happy times at her home in east Lake estates fund raisers, outings, slumber parties Mary always made everything very special and fun, she tried to guide each of us in her own special way. She did the cake and reception for my first wedding when I was nineteen, she took my picture for the paper in her home. She was there right by my side when at 25 my husband passed away, she even took the casket spray to the funeral home for us. Her and Mr. Earl have always been in my life. She did the cake and helped with mom and dad's 50th wedding anniversary, we worked together on many parties and weddings. she played matchmaker when she sent Harry out to fix an electrical problem, she was so happy when we fell in love, she did our cake and as a gift sent us on our honeymoon to the same place her and Earl went, she said it was good luck for them and it would be good luck for us. almost 28 years later , she would laugh and say I told you so. I cannot imagine her gone, but in our hearts and memories she will remain. We love her and Mr. Earl, our prayers are with her family. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Donna Raye Walker Kelley



Donna Kelley - March 14, 2013 at 11:39 PM

RS

“ She was My Beloved Sister, I will Miss Her Greatly till we meet again Dear Sister.



Robert Eddings Sr. - March 14, 2013 at 09:44 PM

CH

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Christine - March 14, 2013 at 09:39 PM

SI

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Sierra - March 14, 2013 at 09:32 PM

SI

“ *Sierra lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith*



Sierra - March 14, 2013 at 09:26 PM

SI

“ *In remembrance of Mary Smith: Mary was a great woman, grandma, aunt, cousin, and sister. She did many things for me. She cooked me lunch after I came home from school and bought me things I never knew I'd have. And most importantly, she was the most loving and caring person I've ever met. She even made me a homemade birthday cake every year. I'm tellin' you she was a really good person.*

*Love,
Mary's granddaughter Sierra (age 9)*

Sierra - March 14, 2013 at 09:25 PM

CH

“ *Christine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith*



Christine - March 14, 2013 at 09:16 PM

CH

“ *I still cannot believe she is gone. We had a family gathering tonight and it was so strange for her not to be walking in with a car load full of pots brimming with food. We will always miss her smiling face and her selfless spirit.*

Christine - March 14, 2013 at 09:16 PM

JE

“ *Best friend. Spent every chance helping her and spending time with her I got. I love her so very much and miss her dearly can't wait to see you again Marmar!* ”



Jessica - March 14, 2013 at 09:14 PM

CH

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Christine - March 14, 2013 at 09:11 PM

SE

“ *Aunt Mary was a One of a Kind Angel that was a Blessing to all that knew her. She SWill be Dearly Missed.* ”



Sheila Eddings - March 14, 2013 at 09:10 PM

WH

“ *Wendy Hansen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith* ”



Wendy Hansen - March 14, 2013 at 05:48 PM

WH

No words can truly express how grateful to God I am He chose you and your family when I first asked Jesus into my life. It was a wonderful almost 5 Years with you before Ron and I went on our journey in life to 3 other states before coming back to FL a couple years ago. I will never forget the love you showed me when Chuck passed and how you gave me a home their on your property and all you had done for me. Then you played matchmaker and I met Ron through you. it was hard leaving in '86 with Ron and Aaron and now Ron and I came back 2 years ago and you left. Who figures out our lives but God, we just walk it by faith. Thank you for investing in us your life and love. To God be all the glory forever. Until we all meet again.

Wendy Hansen - March 16, 2013 at 08:40 AM

DE

“ *Danielle Eddings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Smith*



Danielle Eddings - March 14, 2013 at 03:04 PM

DE

“ *Words can not epxress how saddened I was to hear of your loss of Mary. My ears will never forget her soft sweet voice and my heart will never forget her warm loving embraces. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort the family now and in the days ahead. Love and thoughts to all, Danielle Eddings*

Danielle Eddings - March 14, 2013 at 02:58 PM